UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

PETER VLAMING,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 3:19-cv-00773

WEST POINT SCHOOL BOARD; LAURA ABEL, individually and in her official capacity as Division Superintendent; JONATHAN HOCHMAN, individually and in his official capacity as Principal of West Point High School; and AMY SAUNDERS or her successor in office, in her official capacity as Assistant Principal of West Point High School,

Defendants.

Hon. John A. Gibney, Jr.

PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED-INTERVENOR'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY

Plaintiff respectfully opposes Proposed-Intervenor's Motion for Leave to File Notice of Supplemental Authority. ECF No. 35.

As set forth in Plaintiff's Motion to Remand, this Court lacks jurisdiction over this action, as it presents no federal question. ECF Nos. 5–6. Without jurisdiction, this Court "cannot proceed at all" to Proposed-Intervenor's motion, and should deny the motion as moot upon remand. *Steel Co. v. Citizens for a Better Env't*, 523 U.S. 83, 94 (1998) (quoting *Ex parte McCardle*, 74 U.S. 506, 514 (1868)).

In addition, the motion should be denied for the same reasons set forth in Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion to Intervene, ECF No. 28.

Therefore, Proposed-Intervenor's motion for leave to file should be denied.¹

¹ Plaintiff also disagrees with Proposed-Intervenor's characterization of the Supreme Court's opinion in *Bostock v. Clayton County*, 140 S. Ct. 1731 (2020). However, because the immediate

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question is merely whether Proposed-Intervenor should be granted leave to file, this Opposition is limited to the motion for leave. Plaintiff reserves any right to respond to the proposed notice of supplemental authority in the event leave is granted to file.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 4th day of August, 2020, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send an electronic notification to the following counsel of record:

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